

# **Chiba Sharks Cricket Club Membership Regulations**

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## 1. General provisions

These membership regulations (these “**Regulations**”) set out details concerning membership categories, rights, and fees with regard to the Chiba Sharks Cricket Club (the “**Sharks**”). Terms used below have the same meanings as terms used in the Chiba Sharks Cricket Club Constitution (the “**Constitution**”) unless expressly stated otherwise. Membership in any category does not guarantee selection in any match; however, members will be eligible for selection in accordance with their respective membership categories under these Regulations and the Constitution.

## 2. Membership rights, duties, and fees

2.1 Sharks’ membership rights and fees are set out in “2.4” below.

2.2 The term “**Basic Coverage**” used throughout this document refers to coverage of each individual member’s share of the expenses set out below.

- Club registration fee for the JCL and Japan Cup, which incorporates:
  - ground rental for relevant matches;
  - ground equipment rental for relevant matches;
  - match balls for relevant matches; and
  - the JCA’s competition-related administrative costs
- Umpire fees (both for JCA-organized matches and other matches)
- Training facility rental
- Administrative expenses for the Sharks (meeting room rental, scorebooks, stationery, etc.)
- Transportation subsidy when participating in a match as 12th Man

2.3 For the sake of clarity, Basic Coverage does not necessarily cover the following:

- Annual JCA registration fee for individual players
- The following for matches not organized under the auspices of the JCA or EKCA (e.g., friendly matches):
  - ground rental for relevant matches;
  - ground equipment rental for relevant matches;
  - match balls for relevant matches; and

- competition-related administrative costs
- Personal match day expenses (including food and drinks)
- Transportation to play in matches
- Sharks functions
- Sharks uniforms
- For a starting member of a match, the individually owed share of the portion of the match day 12th Man transportation subsidy that exceeds 3,000 yen

2.4 Sharks' membership rights and fees are set out below.

**(a) Full membership: 15,000 yen per annum**

This membership category is the standard membership that applies to most members who are generally available for matches throughout the season (ordinarily from April through October).

**Rights:**

- (i) Basic Coverage until the following AGM
- (ii) Sports insurance until the following AGM
- (iii) Eligibility for selection in all Sharks matches until the following AGM
- (iv) Entitlement to attend and vote at general meetings (in the case of an AGM, then if the player intends to remain a member of the Sharks after the AGM in question)
- (v) Invitations to all Sharks social events

**(b) “Under 23” membership: 12,000 yen per annum**

This membership category applies to members who are younger than 23 years old as of 1 April in the year in question.

**Rights:**

- (i) Basic Coverage until the following AGM
- (ii) Sports insurance until the following AGM
- (iii) Eligibility for selection in all Sharks matches until the following AGM
- (iv) Entitlement to attend and vote at general meetings (in the case of an AGM, then if the player intends to remain a member of the Sharks after the AGM in question)

(v) Invitations to all Sharks social events

**(c) Junior membership: 7,500 yen per annum**

This membership category applies to students who are already insured by a junior team (e.g., My-Ys).

**Rights:**

(i) Basic Coverage until the following AGM

(ii) Eligibility for selection in all Sharks matches until the following AGM

(iii) Entitlement to attend and vote at general meetings (in the case of an AGM, then if the player intends to remain a member of the Sharks after the AGM in question)

(iv) Invitations to all Sharks social events

**(d) Occasional membership: 5,000 yen per annum**

This membership category applies to people who expect their availability to be very limited or who are joining the club for a very short time. If an “Occasional” member so wishes, his or her membership may, with the approval of the Management Committee, be converted to another appropriate category of membership upon the expiry of eligibility under “(iii)” below and upon payment of the difference in fees between Occasional membership and the other membership category.

**Rights:**

(i) Basic Coverage until the following AGM (subject to “(iii)” below)

(ii) Sports insurance

(iii) Eligibility for selection in four JCL, Japan Cup, JCL T20, or JCL T10 Sharks matches until the following AGM (two Japan Cup games played on the same day are considered one match; the same applies to JCL T20 matches and JCL T10 matches)

(iv) Eligibility to play in extra Sharks matches if requested by the Selection Committee (i.e. if a playing XI is short) until the following AGM

(v) Entitlement to attend and vote at general meetings (in the case of an AGM, then if the player intends to remain a member of the Sharks after the AGM in question)

(vi) Invitations to all Sharks social events

**(f) Non-playing membership: Free**

This membership category applies to people who are interested in the social side of the Sharks or who wish to focus solely on umpiring.

**Rights:**

(i) Sports insurance until the following AGM (for umpires only)

(ii) Invitations to all Sharks social events

2.5 In principle, members of each membership category (excluding Non-playing members, if they so wish) will be required to assist the Sharks in fulfilling the Sharks' umpiring commitments.

2.6 Requests regarding the possibility of other modes of membership may be made to the Management Committee in extenuating circumstances only. The Management Committee may, at its discretion, approve or deny any such request.

2.7 Sharks' membership fees must be paid, preferably by bank transfer, before the first match of the season. The President will send out details of the bank transfer process at the appropriate time.

### **3. Exercising rights**

A Prospective Participant may not exercise members' rights if he or she fails to pay the appropriate fees before his or her first match. The Management Committee will use its discretion to oversee this requirement and may be lenient towards a Prospective Participant who is making a genuine attempt to pay.

### **4. Nominations and appointments**

4.1 A member may be nominated for or appointed to office as applicable if he or she is a member in any category except for Non-playing membership at the time when the election is carried out. In the case of election at an AGM or appointment after an AGM, a member who accepts nomination for or appointment to office must declare their intention to be a Full, Under 23, Junior, or Occasional member for the following year and to pay the appropriate

membership fee.

- 4.2 Any non-member or Non-playing member may be nominated for office at an AGM or appointed to an office after an AGM if (a) he or she pays, the fee to become a Full or Under 23 member at that time and (b) the Management Committee accepts the non-member's membership for the period until the following AGM.

## **5. Deduction for Life Members**

In accordance with Article 18.3 of the Constitution, each Life Member will be granted a deduction of 2,000 yen on the membership fee if he or she decides to participate in the Sharks under any category of membership that offers eligibility to play in matches.